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THE CHEAPNESS OF LIFE AND LIMB

The Labor Press, published in Portland, says:

"Under the present laws it is cheaper to kill men than to protect them."

There has been a great deal of legislation for the purpose of making it expensive for employers of labor to unnecessarily endanger human life or limb, or even to leave anything undone that may be reasonably done to shield employees from danger. Strict obedience to the law as it now stands would greatly minimize but not wholly remove the dangers incidental to employment in mills, factories, logging camps, etc. The number of casualties yearly in Columbia County runs into the scores, and no doubt the greater number of them could have been avoided. Every year, during the spring or fall rains, we have a repetition of the old story of a heavily loaded logging train running away on a steep grade, with death and mangled limbs as the result. This would seem to be clearly an avoidable accident, to avoid which requires lighter loads, better brakes, or easier grades. Men skilled in such matters know exactly what can be done and how to do it, and when they fail in their duty heavy punitive damages should be assessed. The factory inspection law is a step in the right direction, and if it is not stringent enough, or does not place sufficient power in the hands of the inspectors, then it should be amended until it does. Capital is impersonal. Men in the employ of corporations are regarded only as parts of the machinery, and they have the disadvantage of being easily replaced. The great engine that cost many thousands of dollars is dear to the hearts of the stockholders, and they demand that every care be taken of it; but the man is a negligible quantity. He is not theirs, and their only care is to secure his services as cheaply as possible, and make as great a profit as may be out of his working years. With employers in a small way, and with employers of great numbers in a few exceptional instances, this is not true; but it is the rule, and it must be and is admitted in framing laws for the protection of employees. Left to themselves, uncontrolled by law, capitalists would show less mercy to their employees than was shown by the Southerners to their slaves for the reason given, that they do not know and take no humane interest in them. Therefore the law, secured by the power of the ballot, steps in and says certain things must be done to render life and limb as safe as possible. These requirements are not unjust or onerous, and a compliance with them will materially lessen the number of accidents and consequent damage suits. Even from a financial standpoint it might pay employers to observe the law strictly. Life and limb have been altogether too cheap in Oregon, and it is time the carnage was stopped. In a recent damage case there was evidence that the state of affairs prevailing in the mill where the accident occurred was not unusual, but was in accord with the common custom. A belt from a ground pulley to an overhead pulley came off fre-

quently and anyone who happened to be nearby put it on. This had been done many times, but the once-too-often time came and a man was mangled for life. A damage suit followed and a verdict for a large sum was given the plaintiff. An appeal was taken, but however it may terminate, great damage has been done by a failure to strictly comply with the law.

Let us see if this year in Columbia County's camps and mills can not be made memorable by its low percentage of avoidable accidents.

POMONA GRANGE

The meeting of the Pomona Grange at Saopoo last Saturday was quite well attended and the reports from subordinate granges showed a material increase in the attendance.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Resolved, that this Pomona Grange requests the Oregon delegation in Congress to oppose any increase in the rate on second class mail matter, believing that such increase will be opposed to the best interests of the country and would not increase the postal revenues, but rather diminish them, by diverting the carrying of such matter from the mails to the express companies.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the chairman of the Oregon delegation in Congress, Hon. W. R. Ells.

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Whereas, the people of the State of Oregon have by their votes adopted the Direct Primary Law, providing that candidates for public office must go directly to the voters of their respective parties for nomination, thus lessening the power of self-chosen leaders and making it more difficult than heretofore for a few to absolutely control nominations; therefore be it

Resolved, that we oppose any return to former methods and deplete the holding of assemblies called without authority of law and favored by the opponents of the direct primary law. We recognize the right of the members of all parties to meet for conference, but deny that any set of men has authority to dictate a date and to class as insurgents the members of a party that oppose their action.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas since last we met death has claimed one of our most faithful members, Sister Mary Steele of Natal Grange No. 302, therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Columbia County Pomona Grange, have a very dear loss lost one of our most faithful members, and a loving sister. Be it further

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved family and to the subordinate grange of which she was a member, and that our charter be draped for thirty days and that a copy of these resolutions be placed on record and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

EVENING

The first thing in the evening was an open session, addressed by W. K. Newell, President of the State Board of Horticultural and A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College. Their talks were thoroughly practical, and the numerous interruptions showed the intelligent interest of the audience. To anyone desiring to set out an orchard Mr. Newell's talk conveyed the most valuable information. Both gentlemen spoke very highly of the possibilities of apple growing in this country.

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Then followed a short program, after which work was resumed in secret session and a class initiated into the Pomona degree.

It is probable the invitation for the next Pomona will come from Vail Grange at Warren. Following is the program rendered:

1. Song—By the Grange.
2. Lecture—By Prof. Newell.
3. Lecture—By Prof. Cordley.

4. Solo, "If I Only Had a Thousand Lives," and encore, "Cross My Heart"—Miss Mary Adams.

5. Declamation, "Aunt Saphronia's Debut at the Opera"—Alva Myers.

6. Solo, "Drifting," and encore, "If I Only Had a Home, Sweet Home"—Miss Edna Butler.

7. Reading, "How I Jinxed the Grange"—Mrs. Getchell.

8. Instrumental Solo, "Moonlight on the Hudson," and encore, "The Cavalier's Song"—Miss Hazel Watts.

9. Remarks by Prof. C. E. Barker of prep school.

10. Solo, "Somewhere," and encore, "When I Marry You"—Miss Lucy Leonard.

Resolutions of Condolence

The following resolutions were adopted by Natal Grange No. 302, Patrons of Husbandry:

Whereas, it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary Steele; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Natal Grange, do hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Sister Mrs. Mamie Ruddiman and Mrs. Mary Jane Ruddiman and their families in their affliction by the loss of a kind and loving mother.

Resolved, also, that while the present members of this Grange will always mourn the loss of our esteemed and worthy sister, we offer to her grieving family this consolation, that we rejoice in the assurance (through faith) that she has gone before to receive that welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Resolved, that a page of our records be consecrated to her memory, and these resolutions be spread thereon, that copies be sent to the county papers for publication. And be it further

Resolved, that our charter be draped and our badges reversed for sixty days.

ANDREW ELLIOTT,
NETTIE B. PETERSON,
ALICE PETERSON,
Committee.

Resolutions of Condolence

Whereas, the Supreme Master has taken from our midst our esteemed brother, John P. Drew, who departed from this earthly life January 21, 1910. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the members of Houlton Lodge, No. 80, of United Artisans, extend to Wm. Drew, the bereaved father, our deepest sympathy. Also be it

Resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Drew, one to the Oregon Mist, and that a copy be spread on the records of this lodge.

IDA CLARK,
KATIE MATTHEWS,
CORA E. WEEKS,
Committee.

COUNTY COURT

Bills allowed by the County Court February 3d, 1910.

GENERAL FUND

J. W. Quick, circuit court juror	\$ 3.00
J. E. Black same	3.00
J. M. Blackford, Justice, State v. Snyder	3.30
R. E. Flippin, constable, State v. Snyder	1.30
H. P. Watkiss, justice, State v. Ulm	3.20
T. C. Waite, drawing jury, Goble precinct	3.00
F. W. Jordan, drawing jury, Goble precinct	2.00
Ernest Wasser, drawing jury, Goble precinct	2.00
I. M. Day, work for sheriff	30.00
H. M. Fowler, deputy sheriff	3.00
K. H. Bushman, deputy sheriff	6.00
Fred Watkins, deputy sheriff	23.75
F. H. Sherwood, coroner's inquest	
J. P. Drew	8.60
Edwin Ross, coroner's physician	
J. P. Drew	5.00
H. R. Cliff, coroner's physician	
J. P. Drew	5.00
Henry Owens, witness, J. P. Drew	1.50
Wm. Roberts, same	1.50
Duncan Campbell, same	1.50
Clyde Helm, same	1.50
W. A. Ketel, same	1.50
Arthur Adams, same	1.50
Stewart McAllester, same	1.50
Donald Reid, same	1.50
Wm. Drew, same	1.50
Hattie E. Smith, same	1.50
Washington Muckle, juror, J. P. Drew inquest	1.00
A. Phillips, same	1.00
E. Ketel, same	1.00
J. G. Pringle, same	1.00
C. O. Olson, same	1.00
John Philp, same	1.00
Beulah M. Hinckley, stenographer	5.00
J. P. Drew inquest	
Robert Reid, bailiff, J. P. Drew inquest	2.00
Allan McLean, bailiff, J. P. Drew inquest	2.00
Ada George, work for school superintendent	2.50
James Muckle & Son supplies for court house	2.50
Clatskanie Chief, supplies for sec. oad and sheriff	16.25
Fred Watkins, telephone for January	3.50
Killian Stationery and Printing Co., supplies to surveyor	9.25
Glass & Prothomme Co., supplies to coroner, clerk and assessor	128.75
J. H. Collins, postage and supplies	4.30
St. Helens Mill Co., lumber	2.15
E. H. Flagg, publishing county court proceedings	2.25
St. Helens Mill Co., light for Develo	40.00
St. Helens Mill Co., lighting fixtures	1.10
R. L. Stevens, M. D., services to Summers	35.50
Hommer A. Rue, M. D., services to Summers	10.00
Edwin Ross, M. D., services to Carl	5.00
Watts & Price, supplies to Foss	8.20
Jas. Muckle & Son supplies to McDonald	2.50
A. M. McCaulley, taking McDonald to Portland	3.00
W. P. Macay, taking McDonald to Hulon	2.50
H. R. Cliff, examining Insane, McInowan	5.00
Edwin Ross, examining insane, McInowan	5.00
C. B. Sutton, bringing McInowan to St. Helens	5.00
W. M. Lowman, taking McInowan to Rainier	4.90
W. L. Brown, watching McInowan	5.00
Clarence Brown, watching McInowan	2.50
John Ruheus, juror, State vs. Louisognat	1.00
F. M. Thorp, juror, State vs. Louisognat	1.00
Columbia Electric Works, work and light fixtures	13.95
St. Helens Transfer Co., dryings	50
Columbia County Abstract & Title Co., premium on sheriff's bond	12.00
St. Vincent hospital, care Elliott, Carlson, Summers	65.00
Perry & Graham, supplies to Clegg	13.95
Martin White, sheriff's expense	17.00
Good Samaritan hospital, care McMillan	11.00
I. M. Harris, work for clerk	11.00
H. West, commissioner	37.20
W. K. Tichenor, commissioner	
James Dart, postage and traveling expenses	5.60

AMOUNTS REJECTED

J. M. Blackford, justice, State vs. Snyder	50
W. M. Lowman, taking McInowan to Rainier	5.00
L. B. Brown, watching McInowan	2.50
Laura Barber, Susie Ketel, Mary Stewart, Berlin Yoeman, Frank Thorp, Charlie Laws	2.50
J. A. Kim, swearing electors, November 2, 1909	2.10
J. B. Doan, swearing electors, November 2, 1909	8.20
Columbia Electric Works, work and light fixtures	40
GENERAL ROAD FUND CLAIMS ALLOWED	
C. T. Prescott	